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Jersey City Prepares for Late Winter Storm Snow, Rain and High Winds Forecast

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the **Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** announced today that the city has activated its winter storm plan in advance of a **late winter storm** forecast for our area Wednesday into Thursday.

The **National Weather Service** has issued a “Coastal Flood Watch” effective Wednesday afternoon through late Wednesday night and has said the storm itself is expected to generate minor to moderate tidal flooding. High tide for our area will be Wednesday at 3:29 p.m. and Thursday at 4:02 a.m. and, according to forecasts, could produce as much as a two to four foot storm surge.

The forecast is currently calling for rain early in the day Wednesday, followed by snowfall later in the day through Thursday morning. High winds are expected, with gusts between 35 and 45 miles per hour.

Department directors and agency directors met today to go over plans for the impending storm. To prepare for possible flooding, the **Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA)** began clearing storm drains today and will resume tomorrow morning. Additionally, the MUA will be placing mobilized pumps in areas prone to flooding, particularly in the downtown area.

In the event of a significant amount of snow, the **Jersey City Incinerator Authority (JCIA)** has 50 plows and spreaders, 2,000 tons of salt, and 16,000 gallons of brine, as well as staff that will be working through the night should we be impacted by the storm.

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Residents are urged to exercise extreme caution during the storm and should plan to limit all non-essential driving.

The **Mayor's Action Bureau** will stay open **Wednesday until 10 p.m.** to field calls from residents regarding storm-related matters. Residents can call **201-547-4900**. After 10 p.m., all non-emergency calls can be directed to the Police Department non-emergency number at 201-547-5477.

Residents can receive updates on the storm by logging on to the city website at **jerseycitynj.gov**, by “liking” the city Facebook page, and following us on Twitter @JC_GOV.

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-376-0699.///